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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle 1844 in Kochstedt I

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1. Prior to 25 June 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 1844, Kochstedt I, numbered about 1,500 police and was located in 15 buildings of the Flak Kaserne on Dr. Fischer Strasse, formerly Doslauer Strasse. The remaining buildings of the Flak Kaserne, about five, housed the VP school, Kochstedt. The two units were completely separate from each other. *

2. Heavy weapons of VPD 1844 included: 20 Soviet medium and heavy mortars; model-18 light field howitzers; model-18 heavy field howitzer; model-15 light infantry guns; model-15 heavy infantry guns; Soviet 76.2-mm AT guns; German 75-mm AT guns; 80-mm AA guns; SP guns; armored reconnaissance cars; and T-34 and JS-2 tanks. **

3. The key officers of the VPD were: VP Kommandeur Ernst (fnu), commanding officer; VP Kommandeur Burkhart (fnu), deputy commander and PK officer; VP Oberst Gaertner (fnu), director of training; VP Oberst Kittel (fnu), chief of staff; and VP Oberst Schwarz (fnu), motor transport officer and director of armored training. (F-2)

4. The VPD started field exercises in the woods near Klein Moehlau about 20 km south of Kochstedt on 10 May 1951.

5. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ a signal-communications course for officers and NCOs in Niederlehme on 28 May. The courier section, the signal battalion, and part of the central supply depot of the HVA were located there. (F-2)

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** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The existence of heavy Soviet JS-2 tanks with VP units has not been reported before and does not seem credible.

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